GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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LAND ACQUISITION SINCE 1947
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has issued directives to all the State Governments to collect and share information on land acquired by them since 1947 for development purpose and the details of people displaced alongwith the compensation paid to them for such acquisition;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the objective behind this move;

(c) whether the information sought for has been provided by all the States including major cities of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (e): According to revised National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, 2007, formulated by Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development which has come into force with effect from 31st October, 2007, all concerned including the State Governments, UT Administrations, Public Sector Undertakings or organizations, and other requiring bodies and project authorities are supposed to implement the provisions of this policy for rehabilitation and resettlement of the families affected by land acquisition or involuntarily displaced permanently due to any reason, irrespective of the number of persons involved. The policy provides for minimum provisions that must be met in all cases, while the concerned authorities would be free to offer benefit package better than that prescribed by the policy. The policy also envisages that the State and Union territories shall provide all the relevant information on the matter covered by this policy to the National Monitoring Cell to be set up by the Department of Land Recourses, in a regular and timely manner, and also as and when required. Revenue Secretaries of all States/ UTs have been requested to furnish, inter alia, nformation in respect of the number of projects (with names) for which land has been acquired by the State Government/UT Administration after the date of notification of the policy, the number of persons and families affected or likely to be affected thereby, the R&R benefits being offered to the affected, and other relevant information and data. The required information is still awaited.